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7-6-'04

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6-15-'06

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Aug. 6. 1y.

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6-11-1906.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

For lack of something definite in the way of a statement from the White House on the railroad situation, it is rather interesting to note the remarks of one of the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission who was present at the conference at the White House this week. Of course every one has been waiting to see whether the President would make any additional statement as to his views and position, the manipulators of stocks in Wall Street thinking that a soothing statement from him would have a beneficial effect on the paper valuation of railroads. But the President has been keeping remarkably quiet, for him, and the best that can be done is to draw inference from the remarks of people who have talked with him as to whether or not his attitude on the railroad question has changed at all. The inference from the remarks referred to would be that his attitude has not changed.

One of the Commissioners who was invited to dine at the White house, in company with several of the other commissioners, Marvin Hughitt, the Commissioner of Labor and several of the Cabinet, was talking next day on the general railroad situation. He reviewed the case disclosed by the Harriman-Alton investigation where it was shown that the road had simply been ripped open and looted like a bank vault. He said that while this possibly was beyond the present reach of the penal code, it was morally as close to grand larceny as one could come and keep out of jail. He instanced a number of other cases of high financial juggling that while possibly not indictable were ethically as vicious as could be. In conclusion he said: "If the law as it stands cannot touch the men who do this sort of thing, then the laws will have to be amended so that they can be reached. There is no difference to my mind between the man who dishonestly 'acquires' a million dollars and the man who outright steals a hundred. Society is waking up to the fact that the two performances are exactly on the same footing and society will see to it that not only is the high financial highwayman ostracized but that the laws are framed so that he can be convicted and given a jail sentence." Of course this official was not talking for publication, at least not for quotation by name. But he was a man who had just come from a conference with the President on the particular subject under discussion, and it seemed a natural inference that the views he expressed coincided in a general way with those of his chief. If this is the case, it means simply what the President has said before, that honest railroads or honest corporations of any other sort have nothing to fear from the administration, but that the railroads must be run honestly as real public service corporations, and if more laws are needed to have them so run, the laws will be enacted. Looks as though there might be more railroad legislation at the next session.

Figures are published by the Census Office showing that the population of the United States is increasing steadily and enormously and that it is nearing the 100,000,000 mark. The enumerated and estimated population for the continental United States for 1906 is given as 83,941,510 and for the continent and the insular possessions, including Alaska, the enormous figure of 93,182,240. There has

been a general increase in density of population from 26 to 28 to square mile, and the population of the cities has increased much more rapidly than that of the country. The general increase of the population since 1900 was only 8.8 per cent., but the increase of the urban population, viz. that of all the incorporated towns, was 15.9 per cent. And this increase was still more marked in the larger cities the increase in cities over 50,000 in population being 16.3 per cent.

Seeing that they have not gotten their increase of salaries, the government clerks of Washington are trying to enlarge their income by reducing their expenses. They are going in for a cooperative store where they think they will be able to save money. This is a significant move. The price of all sorts of necessities has been going up rapidly in Washington, more so perhaps in the last five years than in any other city of the country. The government employees in Washington number 23,000, quite a large portion of the population, and if they succeed in their cooperative scheme, it will be a great object lesson to the rest of the country. They propose to open a store for groceries and provisions and to enlarge it as occasion demands and opportunity offers. They wish to distribute the stock in small sized shares among all the government employees of the city. Anyone will be allowed to trade at the store, but it will be run for the benefit of the clerks. It will not sell any cheaper than the average Washington prices, but a record will be made of what each government employee buys and after deducting a certain amount of the profits for running expenses and enlargement of the plant, the remainder will be divided among the clerks in proportion to their purchases. This distribution of profit will take place quarterly and will amount to the same thing as though the clerks got their provisions considerably under the market rate. The cooperative stores have been run abroad, especially in England, for many years and have proved an immense success. But whether they are suited to the genius of the American people remains to be seen.

Records of American trade with the Orient have been compiled by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. They show that this country has been picking up decidedly in the trade of the Far East in the last year. The commerce with Japan and China fell off alarmingly in 1906 owing largely to the boycott in China and the cessation of the war between Russia and Japan. In fact expenses to Japan for the year 1906 showed a drop of \$21,000,000 and those to China of \$28,500,000. But nearly all of this lost ground has been recovered and advices to the State Department say that the Chinese boycott has been officially called off. But this announcement has been made officially before, so it may be well not to put too much faith in it.

Are you tired, fagged out, nervous sleepless, feel mean? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea strengthens the nerves, aids digestion, brings refreshing sleep. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. M. B. Blackburn, Blowing Rock Drug Co.

A Dakota man aged sixty has married a girl of twenty, while his son married the girl's mother aged forty-four. People with nothing else to do can now busy themselves with this last relation ship puzzle.

The Fire Tree.

One of the most interesting trees of the Philippine Islands is the so-called fire tree, which in the winter months, when the limbs are almost bare of leaves, is covered with masses of intensely red and very beautiful blossoms. These blossoms in some way became intertwined with many customs of the people. The most striking of these customs is that of some of the tribes of Igorrotes, who live in the mountains of northern Luzon.

No sooner has the fire tree flowered in January, than these people, peaceful and meek for the rest of the year, get out their spears and knives and start out into the forests hunting heads. Any traveler in the Philippines will do well to keep away from the mountains as long as the blood-red blossoms of the fire tree are blazing in the sun. The Igorrotes are composed of many tribes; they are a fine race of agricultural, head-hunting barbarians; copper colored, with high cheek-bones, flat noses and thick lips. Their hair is straight, black and usually worn long. The men have strong chests and well-developed muscles, and possess great strength and power of endurance.

The women have well-formed figures and as erect and graceful a carriage as any women in the Orient. Their dress varies from a mere apron of leaves to a hand striped of blue and white. Tattooing is common among both men and women. With the men there are two chief motives in tattooing. First, the tattoo gives the man's war record. It tells whether he has taken a human head—the more tattooing the greater the number of heads. Second, it is aesthetic. The aesthetic is the governing motive for woman's tattoo.

An Igorrote would be as much of a curiosity in the streets of Manila as wild Indian would be in the streets of Philadelphia. Philadelphia Record.

Torture By Savages.

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Open The Books.

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When Harriman accused the President of asking him for a contribution of \$250,000 the President called him a liar.

But in this day and time, to simply call a man a liar without citing the proof to cinch the lie only makes the public think less of the man handling that term.

Where there is so much smoke can the people be blamed for looking for a spark? Mr. Roosevelt as tensibly has a strong nausea for campaign contributions. In fact to him is due, to an extent, the cleanliness of the last campaign. But there are those doubting Thomases who wonder if this is a monstrous bluff.

The entire matter might be set at ease if the Republican campaign contribution books of 1904 were opened to the public. If Mr. Roosevelt was not elected by Wall street money and contributions from the big corporations then a great injustice is being done him in the intimations and accusations made from time to time. Furthermore, it must be extremely embarrassing for him to be forced to keep his eyes on the country and ever remain surcharged with epithets, ready to call the man who makes a new accusation a liar. All of this might be remedied if the books were thrown open to the public.—Charlotte News.

Mary—Dark circles under the eyes indicate a sluggish circulation torpid kidneys and liver. Exercise and Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and beautiful. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. M. B. Blackburn, Blowing Rock Drug Co.

The Tradesman says the South could afford to import a million agricultural laborers, paying \$500 to get them and recoup itself in one year on one crop for the outlay. This sounds like a broad assertion, but when we remember the vast sums that are being lost annually because of a lack of these million laborers the statement sounds more reasonable.—Charlotte News.

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The old magistrate slowly took out his spectacles, put them on and peered over to get a good look at the desperado Jones. Then he pointed his finger at him and said, "You Bill Jones, if you kill John H. Small here before me I'll fine you one dollar and fifty cents for contempt of court, burn my soul if I don't.—Ex.

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